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BIRTH.
On the 24th February, at Sago, the wife of the Rev. H. V. S. PARKER, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DEVILLEUX ROAD CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG, 11TH MARCH, 1904

A PERSISTENT report, originating we know not whence, was current in the middle of yesterday to the effect that the Japanese troops had advanced as far as Moukden and had there encountered the Russians. No telegrams with any bearing on the story, however, seem to have reached the Colony, and enquiry both in official quarters and among the leading Japanese firms failed to elicit any information. The report continued to circulate, nevertheless, and among the Chinese it was widely spread by the agency of an "Extra" published from one office. Up to the time of writing we have had nothing to indicate that there is more than idle rumour in the story, which has been received with scepticism by those best qualified to judge. What was the cause of this incredulity it is not hard to see from the map. Moukden might be approached by the Japanese in one of four ways. The first is by the Manchurian railway line, starting from a point near New-chwang. This is the shortest route, being less than 100 miles; but it is impossible that an advance could be made thus without news having reached the outer world from New-chwang of Japanese action in that neighbourhood. The second way is from somewhere in the Kwangtung peninsula or between that and the Yalu. This is longer, and there is no base suitable from which to operate; moreover, the Russians were in force in the region when we last had definite information from it. The third way is across the Yalu, but it is not possible that the Japanese could so soon have crossed the river and advanced another 150 miles without a tremendous struggle. Lastly, there is the way

across the North of Corea, say from a place such as Plaksa Bay, where the Japanese are reported to have landed recently but to have returned, finding the route impracticable by reason of avalanches. Plaksa Bay is about 200 miles south of Vladivostock in Corean territory, and is more than 300 miles east of Moukden. Time, season, and the geography of the country are all against the chances of the Japanese having reached Moukden by this way. On the whole, the first and third routes are the more feasible, but we cannot believe that no indications of a Japanese advance either way would have reached us, still less of so extensive a movement as to reach Moukden, in the rear of the Russian position on the Yalu. The story must be dismissed. It is too much to be accepted in these days of telegrams, the strictest censorship notwithstanding.

We publish in our advertisement columns to-day a notification making an appeal to the Hongkong public on behalf of two funds started in this Colony in connection with the war now proceeding between Japan and Russia. The money subscribed to one will be devoted impartially to the mitigation of the sufferings of all sick and wounded in the war, whatever be their nationality; that subscribed to the other fund will be given for the relief of the widows and orphans of the Japanese killed during the war. Both objects are most worthy, as we need hardly insist, and Hongkong may be depended upon to make a generous answer to the appeals. We wrote eight days ago upon the subject of the proposed relief fund, pointing out what was being done in Japan and Shanghai to aid the families of those at the front in the cause of Japan. One of the Hongkong funds will be devoted to the same purpose as the money collected in Shanghai and the Japanese ports. We think that those concerned in starting the subscriptions in Hongkong have done wisely in dividing the appeal in two. Had they limited the purpose for which the money is being collected to the relief of Japanese widows and orphans, there would be a likelihood in this very cosmopolitan community that some Europeans would have held back, not seeing sufficient reason to contribute money to such a fund, when possibly their sympathies are rather with the Russians. On the other hand, it could not be expected that the local Chinese merchants, ready as they have always shown themselves to respond to calls upon their benevolence, would be eager to contribute money, part of which would go to the help of the Russians, China's enemies and oppressors. The highest form of charity, no doubt, takes no heed of race distinctions; but personal sympathies cannot, in the natural man, be entirely suppressed, and active benevolence can but be stimulated by a knowledge that it is to those whose cause we approve that our help will be given. Therefore the promoters of the two subscription lists are to be commended on the manner in which they have given an opportunity to people of various sympathies to display their charitable feelings. Hongkong residents, Europeans, Chinese, and others, will, we are confident, take the opportunity of subscribe to one or other of the funds or even to both.

The Police Force is again to be congratulated upon the absence of serious crime in this Colony for the past two weeks, the magistrates having before them only very minor offences for trial in the mornings, with practically none during the afternoons.

A young girl coming down Ice House Road yesterday afternoon had an unpleasant experience, but may congratulate herself that it was attended with no serious results. Just after passing the Masonic Hall the front bearing put his foot something slippery, and incontinently fell full length backwards, nearly dislocating his neck in the shafts of the chair, which went down with a bump, throwing the little lady half out, but luckily no further. Investigation proved the cause of the mishap to be a banana skin, which some careless passing gourmand had thrown down. Beyond a shake up, and a sore neck, the coolie was none the worse, and soon resumed his journey with his young fare. But the moral is plain.

With regard to the opening of Wiju the Corean Minister for Foreign Affairs communicated on the 25th ult. to the Japanese Minister at Seoul substantially as follows:—"Wiju, in Northern Pyal-teung, had formerly been the site for overland trade with China, but as the consequence of certain events, the trade has for a time been discontinued. Since, however, the trade of that town has gradually been revived, the Corean Government now deem it proper to open the town for foreign commerce. I therefore, in accordance with the decision of the Council, and with the approval of H.M. the Emperor, declare this to the Foreign Representatives accredited to this Court. The limits of the city and the date of opening will be communicated later."

A well-known and popular judge of Manila William J. Rohde, has resigned his seat on the Bench of the Court of First Instance, and joined a firm of lawyers which uses five long names in its firm style!

Sunday, the 28th ult., being the anniversary of the relief of Ladysmith, several of the besieged then in Tokyo awaiting orders to go to the front, dined at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Capt. Jardine, Capt. Lionel James, of *The Times*; Mr. Maxwell, of the *Standard*; Mr. MacHugh, of the *Daily Express*; Mr. Melton Prior, of the *Illustrated London News*; and Mr. Lynch, of the *Daily Chronicle*, formed the party. Colonel Hume, Military Attaché of the British Legation, and Capt. Tanaka, Aide-de-Camp to General Baron Kodama, were present as guests.

The Turkish officer, Col. Abdoulah Youssof, mentioned in our issue of the 10th instant, who arrived here by the French mail steamer *Assumption* from Shanghai, left yesterday for Manila on the a.s. *Tremont*. During his brief stay in the Colony he was the guest of the well-known Indian firm of A. M. Essaboy, of Zetland Street.

Le Yacht, the French service journal, last month stated that great activity was being displayed on board the French cruiser *D'Entrecasteaux* in order to prepare her to take the place in the North Atlantic of the *Jurien de la Graviere*, which has two of the cylinder frames cracked in each of her three engines. *Le Yacht* suggested that with her 3-in. guns the *D'Entrecasteaux* would be far more useful at the present time in the Far East. She was out in 1900, it will be remembered.

An American teacher, named Herald, who had just arrived in the Philippines, while at Tancaw on the 26th ult. shot and killed the brother of the President of that place, one José de Veyra, a Filipino. It is believed that Herald did the deed under the impression that de Veyra was a robber or murderer, or both, while in fact the unfortunate man was entering the house to pay his respects to the newcomer. The case has been set for trial in April. Herald being released from custody under a \$1,500 cash security.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:

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The Dalai Lama of Lhasa is apparently better acquainted with European civilisation than most people suppose. At any rate, the *Century Magazine* states that he has just ordered a new sacred emblem from a Paris jeweller. The photograph of this *Tie-boum*—the object which he holds in his right hand on great feast days when he blesses the Buddhist pilgrims—does credit to Tibetan taste. A silver-gilt platter supports a vase carved out of red coral; above the vase is a coral image of Amitabha, "Boundless Light," set upon a lotus flower carved out of white chalcedony. On either side of the platter is a Chinese dragon in silver-gilt, but the dragon, it is explained, are merely a concession to the nominal overlords of Tibet, and can be removed when no Chinese official is to be present. The Dalai Lama has, it seems, ordered the new *Tie-boum* because he found the old one too heavy to hold during the long and weary ceremonies entailed upon him.

We learnt by telegram a month ago that the British Government intimated to certain of the big lines of steamships, owned by Japanese subjects and sailing under the flag of the Mikado, that such ships would not, in the case of war, be granted a British register unless first transferred to British owners. The decision naturally created some disappointment. At the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the Atlantic Transport Company and other shipowners, both American and Spanish, transferred their vessels to the red ensign. The subsequent formation of the International Marine Company called public attention to the flag of the Merchant Shipping Act were being contravened. By the law of this country no ship can be registered as a British ship, and sail under the flag of the merchant service, unless it is owned by British subjects. The Board of Trade insisted upon the Japanese owners who applied for a British register strictly complying with their provisions before registration.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CHEMULPO.

We have received from Mr. G. W. Clark's photographic studio in Ice House Street an excellent photograph of the Russian cruiser *Varyag* as she now lies at Chemulpo after her action with the Japanese fleet and her sinking by her own crew. It gives a very good idea of the warship lying on her side, with one broadside of guns up in the air. This is the vessel which the Japanese hope to raise, and judging by the photograph this should be feasible. We believe this to be the first "war picture" to be published in the Colony.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

FURTHER BOMBARDMENTS— VLADIVO-TOCK, PORT ARTHUR, DALNY.

KOBE, 10th Mar., 4.50 p.m.

Admiral Kamimura reports that on the morning of the 6th inst. (Sunday) the Japanese fleet bombarded Vladivostock, firing being continued for a period of forty minutes. The Russian forts made no response.

It is also reported that another Japanese squadron bombarded Taliawan on Tuesday night. Operations lasted until next morning.

Port Arthur has also undergone a similar experience, but the time is not stated.

ANOTHER BRUSH IN NORTH COREA.

KOBE, 10th Mar., 3.50 p.m.

Another brush between the scouts of the Russian and Japanese forces has occurred at Pak-chyon, north of Pingyang. The Japanese, who fought against odds, lost one man killed. The Russians ultimately retired northwards.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE BOMBARDMENT VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 8th March.

Further despatches from Admiral Alexieff state that the bombardment did no serious damage, and there were no losses in the fortifications. In town one woman was killed and a seaman wounded. The enemy reappeared for a short time yesterday (Monday).

THE DUTIES OF NEUTRALS.

LONDON, 8th March.

Mr. Walton asked in the House of Commons whether, in view of the use which Russian warships are making of ports in Crete and Egypt, the Government will communicate their views to the neutrals concerned in reference to the duties of neutrals in regard to belligerents using neutral ports for intercepting vessels of neutrals. Mr. Balfour replied that the matter, which was of great importance, was receiving the attention of the Government.

FRANCE AND THE WAR.

LONDON, 8th March.

The Paris Municipality has voted 20,000 francs in aid of the Russian and Japanese wounded, which sum has been sent to St. Petersburg with an address hoping for the success of Russia.

FISCAL POLICY.

LONDON, 8th March.

Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons said it was not intended to deal with the Fiscal Policy in the present Parliament.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, 8th March.

Australia won the fifth test match by 218 runs.

RICKSHA-PULLERS' COMPLAINTS.

Complaints on the part of the ricksha-coolies are becoming daily more and more frequent, against some of the soldiers stationed at Lye-moon. Their causes of complaint are several and are recorded in the Police Stations. One cause is that the soldiers charter their rickshas and force them to take them from the central district right out to Lye-moon, and there instead of paying the coolies, thrash them and drive them away. Another cause is that on arriving at their destination they take out a 50 cent piece and tell the man to give them change, and when the unsophisticated coolie produces his money the soldiers snatch it away and bolt. Thus the coolie not only loses his fare, after going all that distance, but his own money as well. So very frequent have been these occurrences of late that the coolies stop when they arrive at No. 2 Station, and there demand the deposit of the fare before they will go further. This is sometimes done, and then the coolies, who have been bitten before, deposit all their own money, licences, and anything else of value to them, to save their property. They are given receipts, and their property, with the proper fare, is returned to them on their calling for it on their way home. That such a state of things can be most discreditable to those complained of, and the matter should be investigated by the military authorities.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the facts mentioned by Mr. Michael were of course before the directors when they decided to make the recommendations which they had done in the

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. was held yesterday in the Company's offices, 2 Connaught Road. Hon. C. W. Dickson (chairman) presided, and there were also present Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. E. Goetz, A. Haupt, E. A. Hewett, A. J. Raymond, H. Schubart, E. Shellim, N. A. Sibb, E. S. Wheeler, and A. G. Wood (directors), R. C. Wilcox, F. D. Barretto, S. J. Michael, J. B. Michael, and R. J. Macgowan (acting secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been

report. The aim of the directors was to maintain as far as possible an equality in dividend, and in carrying out that aim they were unable last year, as he had explained, to write off as much as would have been written off had the earnings of the Company admitted of it. There might be room for differences of opinion as to the necessity for writing down the Company's properties but there could be none that such a policy strengthened the position of the Company, and he was certain it would be favourably regarded by the great majority of the shareholders (applause). He thought a steady dividend was preferable to a feast one year and a famine the next, as he understood Mr. Michael to advocate. Mr. MICHAEL said he had already replied to that. It seemed, then, that the directors had decided that the dividend should remain the same, whether they had \$70,000 more profit than they had last year: the shareholders had not got any more. As he had said, they had the debentures for those who wanted a steady dividend, but when the ordinary shareholders put their money into a concern like this they wanted to reap the fruits of their prosperity. He was sure other people would say what he was saying; there was nothing unreasonable in it. When any bad year comes you put down the dividend, and we do not complain.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the directors regarded this as an exceptional year, and very rightly so, looking back on the past; and as there was no guarantee of a continuance of the very satisfactory result of last year, he thought it was erring on the side of prudence not to declare a very large dividend in excess of what they had been in the habit of doing, which might give an impression that they regarded this prosperity as lasting.

Mr. MICHAEL asked if he gathered from that next year if they made about the same profit they would get a better dividend.

The CHAIRMAN—Next year must look after itself. I cannot say what will be done.

There being no further remark, The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. B. C. WILCOX in seconding said he thought with regard to Mr. Michael's remarks that most of the shareholders were of opinion, with the chairman, that it was safer and more prudent to have a steady though a small dividend. He quite sympathised with Mr. Michael about wishing to get a larger dividend, if the profits of the Company permitted. If these profits continued to increase he thought they could get a larger dividend, but before they asked for that they should see for two or three years a settled, continued prosperity which would enable them to get upon a good footing and be sure of their ground. He thought the safest way certainly was to continue to write off on depreciation to a very large amount. The wear and tear of the wharves and godowns was very great, and he thought it would be much more prudent to put a generous sum to depreciation.

The motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. E. Shellim and E. S. Wheeler to the directorate.

Mr. F. D. BARRETT seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs. H. Schubart and C. H. Thompson.

Mr. S. J. MICHAEL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the re-election of Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. W. Gordin as directors.

Mr. J. B. MICHAEL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

Dividend warrants are now ready and can be had on application.

BOWLING.

A bowling match, Navy v. a team from the Hongkong Club, will be rolled off on Monday

WAR NOTES.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOK.
The Japanese Consul has kindly supplied us with a translation of the following telegram received by him yesterday:-

"Tokyo, 10th March, 2.45 p.m.

"In the official report of Vice-Admiral Kamimura, the commander of the detached squadron, it is stated that the Japanese squadron made a close approach to the N.E. fort of Vladivostok on the morning of the 6th inst., making a demonstrative bombardment, which commenced at 2 p.m. and lasted 40 minutes. The Japanese observed Russian soldiers at the forts, but the guns made no reply. The Japanese squadron retired.

"On the morning of the 7th inst. the Japanese fleet made a search in Amur Bay and Stray Rock Bay, but found nothing in particular. At noon they went to the eastern side of Vladivostok, but could find none of the enemy's ships. They also searched Possiet Bay, but found nothing."

It will be seen that this bears out part of our Kobe telegram.

THE JAPANESE FLEET.

The ships composing the Japanese fleet which did the damage at Port Arthur were divided into three divisions as follows:-

First division, commanded by Rear-Admiral Nishiba: the battleships *Ashii*, *Mihara*, *Hatsuse*, *Shikishima*, *Fuji*, and *Kashima*.

Second division, commanded by Rear-Admiral Dowa: the cruisers *Chitose*, *Takasago*, *Kagami*, and *Yoshino*.

Third division, commanded by Rear-Admiral Misu: the armoured cruisers *Idzumo*, *Iwate*, *Asama*, *Yakumo*, *Asama*, and *Tobiko*.

The fourth division consisted of torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo-boats.

Admiral Togo was in full command.

JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS AT PORT ARTHUR.

A remarkable report is made by Admiral Togo to the Chief of the Naval Staff Department illustrating the earnestness of the men of his fleet who volunteered to man the doomed vessels intended for the harbour entrance of Port Arthur, to be sunk there. There were no less than two thousand volunteers for the work, which was carried out by seventy-seven, and some of these wrote their volunteering application in blood! An account is given of the advance of the *Hokoku-maru* to the entrance of Port Arthur which exhibits the pluck of the volunteers. The *Kobe Chonchon* Commander Hirose, in charge of the *Hokoku-maru*, advanced in face of a heavy fire from the enemy. He had reached the mouth of the harbour when his ship took fire and sank without the necessity of being scuttled. About this time one of the subordinate officers was struck in the head. Another officer was also hit while at his station. The volunteers endeavoured to lower a boat, which, however, was soon rendered useless by shot. Another boat was tried. This was also damaged, but the whole of the volunteers, sixteen in number, succeeded in putting away from the ship on the side which was not exposed, the vessel being between them and the fort. The boat was only made to hold ten men, but there was little wind, and the volunteers were lucky enough to have the protection of a projecting hill, which enabled them to escape the enemy's fire and to row to where the torpedo flotilla was waiting for them.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING.

The thirty-fifth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Company was held at the Company's Offices, No. 3 Queen's Road Central, yesterday at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts, and the report of the directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903. Those present were Mr. E. Gots (chairman), Messrs. N. A. Siebs, A. G. Wood, E. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, and A. Haupt (directors), Mr. G. L. Tomlin (secretary), and Messrs. R. C. Wilcox, J. Wheeley, J. J. Lewis, A. H. M. da Silva, T. H. Reid, A. V. Apcar, Hart Buck, C. Pemberton, and Chan Pat.

Mr. G. L. Tomlin read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen. The directors' report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past three weeks I will now adopt the usual custom and take them as read. It gives the board much pleasure to present you with such a satisfactory result for the working of the year 1902, which is due to the loss ratio being only 41.71 per cent. of the premium income. This is exceptionally light and cannot be expected every year. We propose to deal with the profit of \$212,868.83 as follows:—

Dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$1 per share, on 20,000 shares \$10,000.00
Bonus to contributors of premium 100.25

Addition to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$125,675.56 as shown in the balance-sheet 52,915.14

Transfer to investment fluctuation account, to meet difference between cost and market value of investments on 31st December, 1903. Write off loss on sale of Rural Building Lots Nos. 42 and 84 1,068.49
Bonus to office staff 3,785.00

..... \$312,868.83

which we hope will meet with your approval.

Being placed in the happy position of having built up the extra reserve fund to the equivalent of a year's dividend of \$6, we are now enabled to recommend the payment of a bonus of \$1 per share in addition to the usual dividend of \$6, or say 35 per cent. on the paid-up capital of the company. We trust that future profits will admit of the extra reserve fund being further increased, while at the same time shareholders

may have the benefit of a bonus in addition to their usual dividend. We thought it advisable to provide for certain depreciation in our investments, and have set aside the sum of \$15,000 for that purpose. After writing down the said investments to their market value as on 31st December last there remains a balance of \$2561.71 to the credit of investment fluctuation account. In this connection, I can assure you that the company's holdings of shares in other public companies are quite sound, and our funds are invested in steady dividend-paying stocks; but, as you know, we have been passing through a period of depression, and therefore these investments show a depreciation over their original cost. As business men I think you will agree with the board in providing for this temporary depreciation. In regard to our mortgages the company's surveyors have reported on the properties under loan to us, and we are satisfied that our advances are perfectly safe. You will have noticed the disappearance from our balance sheet of the item "Rural Building Lots No. 42 and 84." We received an offer for this property, and decided to dispose of it, and I think the sale was a good one as far as we were concerned, although it showed a small loss, which we are now providing for. Our working account for 1903 shows a gain of \$66,149.81 over that of the previous year, owing principally to an increased premium and interest income and to our losses being somewhat less. We hope that the sum carried forward will more than meet our unexpired liability under 1903 policies and leave us with a satisfactory profit to deal with 12 months hence. During the past year we have taken two important steps in the company's business. First of all, we have decided to withdraw from Japan rather than lock up funds to the extent of 100,000 yen as a Government deposit, and we are therefore allowing our risks to expire, and in the course of a few months we will have no further liability in that country. The second step referred to is the opening of an agency in London for the transaction of United Kingdom insurance business. We are represented by gentlemen of considerable experience, and we are working with the tariff offices, so we have hopes that the scheme we have entered upon will result in profit to the company. As, however, we only commenced to participate in business as from the Michaelmas quarter, it would be somewhat premature to say anything further on this subject. Fires have been rather numerous both here and at outports since the close of the year, but I am happy to say that we have not suffered any severe loss by any one of them. I will now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1903 as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to business before the meeting.

Mr. Wilcox, in seconding the adoption of report and accounts, said:—I think, Mr. Chairman, we may congratulate ourselves upon the report placed before us and upon the remarks made by yourself. The vicissitudes of fire insurance are pretty well illustrated by the history of the last two years. Last year, when I had the pleasure of seconding the adoption of the report, I remember deplored the fact that we had to take some \$18,500 from the extra reserve fund to make up our dividend, and at the same time I expressed a pious hope that we should be able to restore that amount in the following year. Well, we have been able to do that, and more than that. We are going to do that, and more than that. We are going to enjoy a bonus of \$1 a share, which is very satisfactory to the shareholders. I quite coincide with the remarks of the Chairman that it will not do to expect such years as this ever again. If we get one occasionally we shall be fortunate. The probability is we shall not get a succession of good years. It is a good thing to keep the additional reserve fund intact, as far as possible, ready for reverses, so that we may be able to draw upon it to pay the usual dividend. With regard to the new features mentioned by the Chairman, we shall have to see how these work out before saying anything about them. I am pleased to know that it is possible to give a bonus to the staff. I am sure they deserve it; and the shareholders will be very pleased to endorse that statement. With these few remarks, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. J. Wheeley proposed that the appointment of Messrs. E. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, and A. Haupt on the Board of Directors be confirmed.

Mr. Hart Buck seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. J. J. Leibnitz proposed that Messrs. A. G. Wood and E. Shellim be re-elected directors.

Mr. A. H. M. da Silva seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. J. Wheeley proposed that Messrs. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

Mr. A. V. Apcar seconded, and it was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be posted this afternoon. Thank you for your attendance.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 10th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in Eastern Japan, and fallen in N. China.

The changes elsewhere are slight.

Gradients are moderate on the China coast and slight in other directions. Moderate monsoon will be met with in the Formosa channel and light variable winds in the China sea.

Forecast.—Light E. winds; overcast, fair.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (President) presided, and there were also present H. W. Chatham (Vice-President), Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Fung Wa Chun; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. A. Ramjahn; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary) and Mr. T. A. Hammar (Assistant Secretary).

DRAINAGE SYSTEM DEFECTS.

Mr. A. Ramjahn pursuant to notice moved "That steps be taken by the Board to remedy the defects in the drainage system introduced by the Sanitary Surveyor into the block of buildings known as Nos. 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, and 60 Caine Road; and generally to remedy similar defects existing in any other property where the filth of one building is conveyed into the yard of another through open surface channels." It was imperative, he said, that the drainage of a building should be arranged as not to constitute a menace to health and comfort of its occupiers, and also that the by-laws governing the disposal of sewage waters should be strictly complied with. In the block of houses to which he referred in his motion the system of drainage had been ill-designed inasmuch as filth from one house was carried into the yard of the second, the third received the filth of the first two, and so on. It was unnecessary to say that this was insanitary. The Acting M.O.H. said that under certain conditions it might be dangerous to health. The Sanitary Surveyor in his report stated there were two traps in each yard and a channel running down the centre. These traps were only 8 inches square, and when foul water was thrown into the yard it ran into this channel. Reference to the Surveyor's plan would show that there was only one trap provided in each yard. This was in contravention of section 45 of the Bye-laws of Ord. 13 of 1901. But the most important disregard of the Bye-laws was the passage of filthy water down the surface channel in contravention of Section 35 of the existing Ordinance. It was not the case that the channel was misused by the tenants. The slope of the yards was towards the channel in the centre. The traps were placed, one near the kitchen, and the other on the side of the main building. The Surveyor said this channel was intended to carry away the rain-water from the roof. This was not so; for this was collected by pipes under the eaves and emptied into one of the traps. As to the remedy, he would propose that the two traps be removed and a new one placed in the centre of the yard and that the aperture leading the channel from one yard to another be blocked.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak seconded.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said the real cause of the trouble was the manner in which the houses and kitchens were designed. In this case they could not drain into the back lane save at a very great expense. To provide for the outlet of the back premises a pipe would have to pass below each house in turn, or else the drainage must be carried from yard to yard as described. To the former course there were strong sanitary objections. The only method therefore was the latter alternative; the question was just to what extent it ought to be done. In this case the drainage arrangements here were submitted by the owner and not by the Sanitary Surveyor, who had no alternative but to approve of this method proposed by the owner provided it did not contravene any of their by-laws; and he did not think it did.

On a show of hands the motion was lost by the casting vote of the President, the voting being:—For the motion, Messrs. Ramjahn, Lau Chu Pak, and Fung Wa Chun (3); against—The President, the Vice-President, and Colonel Webb (3).

SINKING OF A WELL.

Messrs. Palmer and Turner sent in application for permission to sink a well on Marine Lot No. 185 adjoining the new Taiping Theatre for the purpose of filling the tanks with water to be used in case of fire.

Dr. Pearce intimated that whatever purpose a well was originally intended to serve, it might in time of drought be used for obtaining drinking water from, and he therefore recommended as a precaution that the well be sunk in the middle of the vacant piece of ground to the east of the steps leading to the theatre door instead of at the side close to the adjoining building; the well should be cement rendered to within 3 or 4 feet from the bottom, the brickwork carried up to form a 1 to 2 feet parapet, and the surface round the well canalled and cemented.

Mr. Hewett intimated that he did not think the sinking of walls should be encouraged; the water was sure to be used for drinking purposes.

On the motion of the VICE-PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the application was granted subject to the conditions mentioned by the M.O.H.

PAVING OF DAIRIES IN LAUNDRIES.

Dr. Barnett, in reference to a report sent in said he wished to know what material the Board approved under No. 2 of the by-laws governing laundries. Did they approve Canton tiles? Tiles had been accepted in the past, but were not impervious. At least 50 per cent. of the licensed premises were paved with Canton tiles.

The Director of Public Works intimated "A layer of cement rendering three-quarters of an inch thick or the paving bricks or glazed tiles made by the Green Island Cement Co. would be preferable to Canton tiles."

Mr. E. A. Hewett:—"The use of Canton tiles for flooring should be gradually done away with."

The PRESIDENT moved the approval of the D.P.W.'s minute, the same to be applicable to new premises.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

WATER ANALYSIS.

The report of Mr. A. C. Franklin, Acting Government Analyst, for the month of February showed that the water was of excellent quality.

BATHS.

It was reported that during the fortnight ended 7th inst. 700 rats were killed; of these 18 were infected with plague.

This was all the important business.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 10th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

CLAIM BY THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

Before the Chief Justice and a special jury the case was again called in which the National Bank of China sought to recover from Chee On and Co., coal merchants, 22, Li Yuen East Street, and Chan Lui Chiu, of Kobe, the sum of \$64,000 due on bills of exchange drawn in Japan for payment in Hongkong, which were dishonoured, and charges incurred in connection therewith. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the defendants.

The special jury was as follows:—H. E. R. Hunter, A. Howard, F. H. A. Fuchs, W. J. Saunders, W. M. Watson, C. H. Thomson, and N. Mumford.

The following preliminary issue was agreed on:—Assuming for the purpose of this issue that the translation hereto annexed of the mortgage dated 27th August, 1901, is a true translation of the said mortgage, that the law of Japan allows priority of mortgages of the same property according to their respective dates of registration, is the plaintiff bank entitled under the said mortgage to recover from Chan Lui Chiu such portion of the 72,000 yen thereby secured as is claimed in this action?

The jury found unanimously for the plaintiff on the issue, and his Lordship gave the plaintiff the costs of the issue. As to the general costs of the actions, his Lordship gave liberty to apply in Chambers.

The following special questions were left to the jury:—

(1) In all the circumstances of this case, was the Bank or its agents guilty of such laches and negligence as to disentitle it to recover from the defendant?

(2) If so, to what extent was the security depressed?

Answer to (1)—No.

The Court adjourned.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

ALLEGED LIBEL.

Further evidence was given in the case in which T. Evans, late head watchman at Hungshon Dock, claimed from fifteen Indian watchmen the sum of \$500 as damages for an alleged libel contained in a letter dated 25th November, 1903.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, R.C., barrister-at-law, (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the plain tiff, and in the absence of Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law, who was engaged in another case, Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor, represented the defendant.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1904, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, A COLLECTION OF JAPANESE CURIOS, comprising—SATSUMA VASES and JARS, IMARI PLATES, CLOISONNE (Silver and otherwise), OLD BRONZE VASES, SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS, and a Variety of TEA-SETS, &c., &c.

TERMS.—As usual. Catalogues will be issued.

On View from 17th March, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [717]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Hon. C. P. CHATER, K.C.M.G., Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon on SATURDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, when the Liquidator will lay before the Shareholders a Final Report together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the following Resolution will be proposed, viz.:

To those Shareholders who make a written application to the Liquidator, Mr. J. GOOSMANN, on or before the 2nd day of APRIL, 1904, \$1 (Dollar One) or a fraction of same, will be returned per Share, and any Balance remaining after payment of Auditor's Fees, Printing and Petty Expenses, is to be transferred to the credit of the Liquidator.

The Books of the Company are to remain in safe custody with Messrs. EICHERS & CO., and to be destroyed after two years from date.

J. GOOSMANN, Liquidator.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [718]

NOTICE.

IT has been decided to invite subscriptions from the Community for the following objects in connection with the Russo-Japanese War.

1. Providing additional comforts in hospital treating all sick and wounded from the war.

2. Subscriptions in aid of the families of Japanese killed in the war.

It is proposed to communicate with His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Tokyo as to the distribution of the fund to the best advantage.

The respective funds will be administered at the discretion of the Committee for the above mentioned objects.

The following have agreed to serve on the Committee:—

Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.

Hon. Wai Yuk.

Hon. Gershon Stewart.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

Chen Sui Ki.

D. Clarke.

Fong Wa Chuen.

E. A. Hewett.

Ho Fook.

Ho Tung.

D. R. Law.

J. E. Michael.

H. N. Moody.

A. J. Raymond.

E. Shelin.

J. R. M. Smith.

Sir Paul Chater has agreed to act as Chairman, while Mr. Smith and Mr. Hewett will act as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

Subscriptions lists will be circulated in due course.

EDBERT A. HEWETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [719]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MALACCA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUZUZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, the 10th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 16th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [720]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLEBROOK, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID AND COLOMBO.

THE Company's Steamship

"WAKASA MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, 10th inst.

Goods not cleared before the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 20th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [721]

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1904.

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will give Two Performances of THE COMIC OPERA "HIS EXCELLENCY" Written by W. S. GILBERT, Music composed by Dr. OSMOND CARE, THIS EVENING (FRIDAY), 11th MARCH,

TO-MORROW EVENING (SATURDAY), 12th MARCH, commencing each evening at 9 P.M. precisely.

Several new features will be introduced, including a Dance by "THE GOVERNOR AND NANNA"; A COUNTRY DANCE, &c., &c.

Dress Circle \$3
Stalls 3
Pit Stalls 2
Pit 1
No Half Price.

Public Booking Office from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day.

Late Trams will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.
Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [605]

NOTICE.

THE following Articles FOUND at Government House after the Bails on 3rd and 25th February, are still unclaimed:—

1 SMALL FEATHER FAN.

1 P. LADY'S WHITE KID GLOVES.

2 BLACK VEILS.

1 WHITE VEIL.

1 KNITTED CLOUD.

1 LADY'S HANDKERCHIEF INITIALLED M.

1 SMALL JAPANESE FAN.

1 SMALL GOLD BROOCH.

1 SMALL GOLD STUD.

M. B. HURLY, Capt. A.D.C.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [695]

FOR SALE.

THE STOCK in Trade and Good Will of an Old Established Bicycle Firm in the Colony, situated in a good locality.

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Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [587]

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OWNERS leaving the Colony, the Cruiser Yacht "PLOVER," 58 feet over all, cabin with accommodation for four Europeans, pony, &c., with all fittings complete. Suitable for picnics or shooting parties.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1904. [674]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTTNER'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road Price 15 cents per copy each.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 14th MARCH, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. (Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Also

2 FOWLING PIECES;

1 AMERICAN ROLL TOP DESK.

On View from Saturday, the 12th March.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [698]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 24th MARCH, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [696]

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 24th MARCH, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

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By Order of the Board.

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [620]

NOTICE.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

J. F. FOKEE, Esq.

C. E. EWING, Esq.

G. C. MOOK, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLATFIRE,

Interest for 12 Months Fixed.....5%

Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [12]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% per cent. per annum.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. 1640

INSURANCES

PHOENIX FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. 12THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA,
INCORPORATED 1851.
Cash Security ... 2825,719
Total Losses Paid ... 26,769,240THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.
WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1903. 194NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO
FIRE and LIFE.
ESTABLISHED 1836.THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.
Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE. Prospects on application.
TURNER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. 197NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902,
216,378,771.I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £30,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 687,500 0 0
II. FIVE FUNDS ... 2,867,115 14 10The Undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. 1888THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.
HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. 12160L'UNION DE PARIS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.
SIEMSSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 1AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO.
OF AIX-LE-CHAPEL.THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 199

TO LET	TO LET	SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.
TO LET. TWO LARGE ROOMS in a Building facing the Canal, British Concession, Shamian, Canton. Apply to— V. P. MUSSO & CO., Shamian, Canton, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [629]	TO LET. Shamian, Canton. ONE or more FURNISHED ROOMS, in excellent situation. Apply to— X. X. Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1904. [582]	TO CHANG BRITAIN'S CLIMATE—HEAT INSU- LATION—TOBACCO'S POISON—THE WORLD'S METEORITES—EMOTIONS PHOTOGRAPHED— NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE STARS—A NEW DUST-FIXER—THE LATEST TELEGRAPH.
TO LET. NOS. 5 and 6, BARROW TERRACE Kowloon. Available 1st March. Apply to— THE SAM WANG CO., LTD. Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [428]	TO LET. "LEWKNOR," the PEAK, for 18 months from middle of March. Well Furnished. Less than 15 minutes from tram. Apply to— M. W. SLADE, Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1904. [531]	British farmers having suffered from excess- ive rainfall, Mr. J. H. Knight, of Barfield, suggests a plan for changing the climate. He would have trees planted in all available spaces in the west and south of Ireland and in parts of Cornwall, and he believes that in fifteen or twenty years these trees would draw much of the rain from the clouds coming from the Atlantic, causing the interior of the country to become drier. The winter would perhaps be- come a little colder, though not with the pre- sent damp cold. A similar forest was planted 150 or 200 years ago along the coast of France to stop the inroads of sand, and now serves as an effective barrier for more than 100 miles.
TO LET. HOUSE No. 2, QUEEN'S GARDENS as from 31st December, 1903. Apply to— Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [177]	TO LET. "BRAKENKNOWE," No. 35, Conduit Road. Six Rooms and Garden Possession from 1st May. Apply to— C. F. DE CARVALHO, Care of H. and S. Bank, Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [519]	The heat lost by radiation from bare pipes containing steam at 100 pounds' pressure has been estimated by Prof. S. P. Thompson to be that of about two tons of coal a year for each ton square feet of pipe surface. Another ex- perimenter has found that 88 per cent. of the loss is prevented by the best mica covering, but that asbestos covering is much inferior to mica, and cements are less effective still.
TO LET. NOS. 4, 5, and 9, AUSTIN AVENUE, Kowloon, at moderate rentals, with immediate possession. Apply to— HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [102]	TO LET. WELL VENTILATED FLOORS at No. 57 and 59, Queen's Road Central, suitable for Offices, or residential quarters, with every convenience. Rent very moderate. Apply to— POOHOMULL BROS., 57, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [584]	Carbon monoxide has been recently found to play more important part in poisoning by tobacco smoke than nicotine. This poisonous gas forms a considerable part of the smoke, and as much of the smoke from cigarettes is inhaled, it is thought to explain the harmfulness of this use of tobacco.
TO LET. A NEWLY-BUILT HOUSE in Bonham Road, (erected on Lot 591). Apply to— 40 & 86, WING LOK STREET, Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [547]	TO LET. 2ND and 3RD FLOORS, No. 35, Queen's ROAD CENTRAL; suitable for Office. Apply to— WING CHEONG, 35, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [74]	Thunder-clouds sometimes reach a thickness of eight miles, with varying strata of damp mist and frozen snow and ice particles.
TO LET. OFFICES, CENTRAL POSITION. No. 6, ROBINSON ROAD. No. 33, CONDUIT ROAD, Six rooms. Tennis Court. No. 71, WYNDHAM STREET. And others to suit various requirements. S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker. Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [173]	TO LET. "THE EYRIE" (PEAK). "ALEXANDRA" BUILDINGS, Rooms on the Top Floor. Nos. 15 & 17, MOSQUE JUNCTION. No. 13 & 21, BELLIOS TERRACE. Apply to— LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [702]	Up to 1903 a total of 634 meteorites was known, of which 182 irons and only 74 stones were from the western hemisphere and 259 stones and only 79 irons were from the eastern hemisphere. The falls of only about 35% of these meteorites have been recorded, the records dating back to the fifteenth century. Despite this small num- ber of known specimens, Prof. Berwerth, of Vienna, has calculated that about 900 meteorites —not counting shooting stars that disappear in the atmosphere—must fall upon the earth each year, and that at least 55 of these should come under observation. Prof. Berwerth has noted some interesting facts concerning the distribution of the known falls. He finds that meteorites have been chiefly recorded in civilised countries, but that they are sometimes more numerous in thinly settled than in thickly populated areas, and that they seem to be specially attracted to mountainous regions.
TO LET. GODOWN, No. 32B, PRAYA EAST. Nos. 4 & 8, CASTLE ROAD. Nos. 15, 17 & 19, SEYMOUR ROAD. Nos. 74, CAINE ROAD. Nos. 4, MACDONNELL ROAD, possession from 1st April. Apply to— COMFADORE DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [430]	TO LET. "TANG YUEN." BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT. European Supervision. Excellent Cuisine and Accommodation. Apply to— MANAGERESS, Macdonnell Road or FAIRALL & CO., Queen's Road Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [71]	The camera records of human emotions obtained at Geneva by Dr. E. Magnin and M. Edward Fliegelmeyer are of remarkable artistic and scientific value. The experiments have been made upon a very susceptible hypnotic subject, who has been influenced by both musical and oral suggestion, and the entire range of human passions—joy, anger, fear, sadness, gluttony, greed, etc.—have been recorded in about 500 photographs of the woman under the various forms of suggestion. The intensity of the expressions is said to have been rarely equalled by the great artists.
TO LET. OFFICES, CENTRAL POSITION. No. 6, ROBINSON ROAD. No. 33, CONDUIT ROAD, Six rooms. Tennis Court. No. 71, WYNDHAM STREET. And others to suit various requirements. S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker. Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [173]	TO LET. COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board. Apply to Mrs. MATHER, 2, Pedder's Hill. Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [602]	A curious effect of the Ismailia Canal in Egypt has been the making of a desert of certain lands formerly fertile. The canal has not only raised the general level of the subsoil water, but it has brought to the surface more or less injurious salts of soda.
TO LET. THE HONGKONG CLUB. NOTICE.	TO LET. FUK LEE. FRESH MILK SUPPLY DEPOT. No. 41, HOLLYWOOD ROAD. ESTABLISHED IN 1870. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [626]	The wanderings and migrations of insects is a new subject of study, which has been begun at the Eddystone Lighthouse by Mr. W. E. Clarke.
TO LET. N. 1, RIPON TERRACE (in FLATS). No. 4, RIPON TERRACE. No. 10, MACDONNELL ROAD. No. 17, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, facing Haie-course. FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the Polo Ground. OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT Road (near BRAKE PINE). GODOWNS No. 3A, BLUE BUILDINGS, GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST- MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [175]	TO LET. "UP-TO-DATE SHORTHAND" has reached Hongkong, where a Permanent Studio has been opened near the G.P.O. and WATKINS, LTD. Queen's Road Central. 1ST LESSON write any Word. 4TH LESSON write 40 Words a Minute. 11TH LESSON write 120 Words a Minute. 21 LESSONS to Completion of Full Course. TERMS: \$50, or by Instalments. NO BOOKS TO BUY, or other Payments to make. May be learned in One Month; the very Dullness in 12 Weeks. OUR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ON THE "UP-TO-DATE SHORTHAND." Can it be learned as well by post as at your Studio? ... YES. Can a person of ordinary intellect master it in six weeks? ... YES. The full course to completion and fast writing in six weeks? ... YES. Do you examine us on each lesson? Personally or by post? ... YES. Is it easy to learn and to read? ... YES. Is it accepted by Government Offices the world over? ... YES. Do you give a certificate of competency on completion? ... YES. Do you supply a lesson book to each pupil and show the date each lesson is given? ... YES. Then this is proof of the pupil's progress; and before receiving the 12th lesson I must write 120 words a minute? ... YES. Shall I be competent to write a shorthand letter and make not s? ... YES. At the third lesson within one week? ... YES. The pupils take as long as they like between the lessons; they master one and then come (or send if a Postal Pupil) for the next. It is not a School or a Class, you come for 10 minutes at any time you like between 9 A.M. and 6 p.m., take your lesson and return when you have learned it.	An investigation at Harvard College Observ- atory has shown that the Milky Way has about twice as many stars as any other equal area of the sky. This ratio does not in- crease for faint stars down to the twelfth magnitude, but the proportion of stars of any given magnitude is the same as in other regions. The Milky Way covers about one-third of the sky, containing about one-half of the stars. About 10,000 stars are of magnitude 6.6 or brighter, 100,000 of magnitude 8.7, 1,000,000 of magnitude 11, and 2,000,000 of magnitude 11.9, while it is thought—but not certainly known—that about 18,000,000 stars are visible in a telescope of 15 inches aperture—that is, down to about the 15th magnitude. There is no evidence of any limit to the faintness of the stars, although the proportionate increase becomes less for each successive magnitude.
TO LET. ONE SPACIOUS NEW GODOWN, very suitable for Dry Goods. Apply to— W. LYSAUGHT, 153, Wan Chai Road. Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903. [76]	TO LET. "EGGSFORD" SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK. Apply to— LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [271]	Westrumite, the invention of Herr von Westrum, is a mixture of oil, which may be diluted as desired and sprinkled over a road with an ordinary watering can. The water evaporates, leaving the westrumite as a moist film, which absolutely prevents the rising of dust. Tested in London on a dry roadway where every vehicle raised clouds of dust, the material so affected the surface that several automobiles at highest speed raised no dust whatever.
TO LET. FROM 1st April, HOUSE "FERNSIDE" Robinson Road. Apply— E. M. HAZELAND, 33, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [627]	TO LET. TWO FURNISHED ROOMS, BATH- ROOM, COOKROOM, SERVANTS' QUAR- TERS, etc. in Robinson Road. Apply to— C. C. Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [628]	A new system of wireless telegraphy is based on a detector of electric waves described by W. Schloemilch, a German. The detector depends on the property that when electric waves fall on a polarised electrolytic cell placed in circuit with a source of current of slightly higher electro- motive force, the current in the circuit is in- creased from some cause.
TO LET. NO. 2, "MAGDALEN TERRACE," MAGAZINE GATE. Apply to— SPANISH PROCURATION. Hongkong 1st July, 1903. [72]	TO LET. SURGEON DENTIST No. 19, D'AGUILA STREET. LATE SPECIAL REPORTER BRITISH HOUSES LORDS Commons, and High Courts. Hongkong, 4th March, 1904. [500]	While rays emitted by muscles appear to be the N-rays of Blondlot, A. Charpentier finds that these from nerves differ in being arrested by aluminium.
TO LET. SIENTING.	TO LET. SIENTING.	

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 9, CHINA, German str., 1,150, Kraobbo, Saigon 5th Mar., Rico—E.A. TRADING CO.
Mar. 9, KWEIYANG, British steamer, 1,026, J. Mathrel, Wuhu and Chinkiang 3rd March, Rico and General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Mar. 9, MALACCA, British str., 2,615, A. F. Street, London 23rd January, General—F. & O. S. N. CO.
Mar. 9, WAKASA MARU, Japanese str., 3,884, J. B. Macmillan, London 15th Jan., General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Mar. 10, APENHADE, German str., 611, Uldrup, Haiphong and Hoioh 9th Mar., General—JEBBELL & CO.
Mar. 10, HSIPING, British str., 1,266, R. McFarlane, Chingwangtang 3rd March, Coals—CHINESE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
10th March.
Decima, German str., for Saigon.
Kansu, British str., for Swatow.
Takson, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

10th March.
BENCLEUCH, British str., for Yokohama.
FOYLE, British str., for Kutchinotu.
KOKUA, American str., for San Francisco.
SIXIONA, German str., for Yokohama.
STORE NORDBY, Danish str., for Kiautschou.
TELEMACHUS, British str., for Shanghai.
TEEMONT, Amer. str., for Manila.
WONGKOK, German str., for Bangkok.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

10th March.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Beesley.
KOWLOON DOCKS—H. I. G. M. S. Moeue, B.M.S. Glory, Ellen Rickmers, Sungkian, Lin Tan, Etc., Seaten, Stettler, Tscheng, CORONATION DOCK—Safordia.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at NOON.

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the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
Passengers the Steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [623]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [624]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW, AMOY and POOCHEW.
THE Company's Steamship.

"HAICHING,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above
ports on SUNDAY, the 13th inst., at 10 A.M.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [625]

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Captain Geo. R. Wallace, will be despatched as above
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight or further information, apply to

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK,
Ortonal Freight Department.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [626]

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WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

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transit through Marseilles for the principal
places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon
only on Monday, the 21st March. Specie and
Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day.
No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they
must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents
and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Com-
pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [627]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	G. M. Montford	P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-morrow, Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	AJAX	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	P. & O. S. N. CO.	15th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNEO	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 17th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MACHAON	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	12th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	26th April.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	SYDNEY	Fren. str.		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	22nd inst., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN via PORTS OF CALL	BLANCO	Ger. str.	G. Melchers	MELCHERS & CO.	16th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MILITIA	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	21st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	LUNING	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	22nd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Filler	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Schulze	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	19th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Bork	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Gronmeyer	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	3rd May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Stern	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Stabile	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	23rd inst.
TRISTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.				BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL				DODWELL & CO., LTD.	Early April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL				STANDARD OIL CO.	About 23rd inst.
NEW YORK via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL				CANADIAN PACIFIC E. CO.	30th inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th April.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	16th inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	24th inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	8th April.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				A. F. Street	About 11th inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				SANDER, WIELER & CO.	16th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL				SHAWMUT	21st inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					To-day.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					About 13th inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					13th inst., 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					17th inst., 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					20th inst., 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					23rd inst., 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					13th inst., 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					About 9th inst.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					To-day, at Noon.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					To-morrow, Noon.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					To-morrow, 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					19th inst., 10 A.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					15th inst., at 3 P.M.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL					To-morrow, Noon.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG via INLAND PORTS OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOJI and YOKOHAMA FOR PORTLAND, OREGON

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP TONS CAPTAIN TO SAIL ON

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Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1904. [14]

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [14]

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Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MASSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ASIAN, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

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CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [14]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK, via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1904.

STEAMERS LEAVING

"INDEPENDENT" FRIDAY, 11th March, at NOON.

"FE. WEIDELICH" SUNDAY, 13th March, at 10 A.M.

"M. STRUVE" THURSDAY, 17th March, at 10 A.M.

"T. BEARDE" THURSDAY, 24th March, at 10 A.M.

"F. FRITHJOF" THURSDAY, 27th March, at 10 A.M.

"H. A. HARALDSEN" THURSDAY, 11th April, at 10 A.M.

"H. A. HARALDSEN" SATURDAY, 21st May.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, via St. Lawrence & via New York 262.

Intermediate on Steamers, 240. " 242.

and 1st Class Rail " 240. " 242.

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NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
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NOTWEEKLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
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AND HUMAERA PORTS.
OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "NINGCHOW"	On 22nd March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "ANTENOR"	On 24th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "OUPACK"	On 31st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "JASON"	On 5th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "ACHILLES"	On 10th April.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP... "AJAX"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL... "GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP... "PAK LING"	On 29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL... "MACHAON"	On 12th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP... "IDOMENEUS"	On 20th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP... "TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	On 24th March.
The a.s. "TYDEUS" left Victoria B.C. on the 21st inst., for Japan and Hongkong.	
For Freight, apply to—	
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	

Hongkong, 4th March, 1904. [10-11]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"
MANILA	On 11th March.
KOBE	"KAIFONG"
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"
The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.	On 8th April.
† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.	
† Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.	
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS (See Special Advertisement).	
For Freight or Passage, apply to—	
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [12]

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer	"SAN CHEUNG,"
AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.	
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.	
The Company's Steamer	
"TRISTE,"	
Captain Macozzi, will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., F.M.	
For Freight or Passage, apply to	
SANDER, WIELE & CO., Agents, Princes' Buildings.	
Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [3]	

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.	STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), CALLING AT SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
	Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.
	The Company's Steamer
	"SILEAS,"
Captain Stabile, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March.	
For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to	
SANDER, WIELE & CO., Agents, Princes' Buildings.	
Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [3]	

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.	J. TREVOUX & CO.
	HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY SERVICE.
	THE Commodious Steamer
	"PAUL BEAU,"
Captain Frangoul, leaves Hongkong for Canton at 9 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 6 P.M., taking passengers and cargo as usual, and will shortly be joined by the Steamer "CHARLES HARDOUIN".	
These two magnificent and up-to-date steamers are lighted with Electricity.	
The Saloon is under European Supervision.	
First Class European	88.00
Second Class European	33.00
First Class Chinese	11.50
Second Class Chinese	8.00
Deck	3.00
Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen's Street, Praya West.	
For further particulars, apply to	
J. LANDOLT, Agent.	
The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central.	
Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [420]	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.	THE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG & CO., Tailors, will be
	CARIED ON from the 17th inst. at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Connaught House Hotel.
	Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [128]

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	Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [128]

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.	CALIBRE 7.63 mm.
	With CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIDGES FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
	SIEMENS & CO.
	Hongkong, 3rd October, 1904. [45]

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Scale is now accepted for transmission to Batavia and the Dutch East Indies "direct." Scale of charges as follows:—

1lb. to 3lbs.	\$1.15
4lbs. to 7lbs.	\$1.50
8lbs. to 11lbs.	\$2.00

Greatest length 2 feet. Greatest length and girth 4 feet.

No Insurance.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalmatia and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

The Parcel mail for Europe per a.m. *Commander*, will close punctually at 3 p.m., to-day.

The *Simsa* with the English mail of 12th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, the 8th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 12th January.

The *Gæte*, with the American mail, left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at noon, and may be expected here to-day.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		
Saigon		
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne		
Macau		
Shanghai		
Kongmou, Kuching and Samshui		
Chinkiang		
Kobe		
Moji		
Namtoo		
Amoy		
Canton		
Manila		
Manila, Singapore, Penang and Bombay		
Europe, c. India via Tuticorin		
(late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Macau		
Kongmou, Kuching and Samshui		
Amoy and Manila		
Namtoo		
Sanba		
Macau		

TO-DAY.

Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.
TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

10th March.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 10/4
Bank Bills, on demand 10/4
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 10/4
C. dits, at 4 months' sight 10/4
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 10/4

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 29/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight 23/7

ON GERMANY.—
d. demand 18/4

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/4
Credits, 60 days' sight 4/4

ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer 137/4
Bank, on demand 137/4

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 137/4
Bank, on demand 13/2

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 7/1

Private, 30 days' sight 7/1

ON YOKOHAMA.—
d. demand 9/1

ON MANILA.—
d. demand Nominal

ON SINGAPORE.—
d. demand Nominal

ON BATAVIA.—
d. demand 11/4

ON HAIPHONG.—
d. demand 11 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—
d. demand 14 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—
d. demand 62

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate 10.75

OLD LEAF, 100 lbs., per tael 56.30

BAR SILVER, 100 lbs., per tael 26.74

OPIUM.

10th March.

Quotations are:— Allow 20% net to 1 catty.
Maiwa New 2900 to 3200 per picul
Maiwa Old 2400 to 3000 " " " " "
Maiwa Older 3100 to 3100 " " " " "
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Persian fine quality 3800 to " " " " "
Persian extra fine 3900 to " " " " "
Pefia New 31247 to " " " " "
Pefia Old 31247 to " " " " "
Benzara New 61247 to " " " " "
Benzara Old 61247 to " " " " "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Gæte* left Shanghai for this port on the 8th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 11th inst., at daylight.

The P. M. steamer *China* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 26th ult.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Kumsung*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on the 15th inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Suisang* left Calcutta, for this port via the Straits on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Sintre* left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst., at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Roon* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 7th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on the 13th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Hamburg* left Colombo on the 7th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 18th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 5 p.m. on the 8th inst., and left again at 10 a.m. on the 9th inst., for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 10 s.m. on the 10th inst.

MECHANIC STEAMERS.

The E. & A. steamer *Australian*, from Sydney, &c., left Manila on the 9th inst. for this port.

The A. L. steamer *Triton* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst.

The steamer *Saint Bede* left Singapore for Manila on the 23rd ult., en route to this port.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrasamha*, from Port Said (Or.), arrived at Yokohama at 4 p.m. on the 3rd inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Portades* sailed from Tacoma on the 2nd Inst. for Japan ports and Port Arthur.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Tydeus* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 21st ult., via Japan and for this port.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lyra* left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 3rd inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Priapus* will leave Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 10th March.

COMPANY	Paid Up.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks— Hongkong & Sh'hai	\$125	460s. Uden 259.
Natl. Bank of China	28	34, buyers
A. Shares B. Shares Foun. Shares Bell's Asbestos E. A.	28	34, buyers
Canton-Hongkong Ice	21	30, sellers
Campbell, Morris & Co.	30	30, nominal
China-Borneo Co.	12	30, buyers
China Light and Power Co. Ltd. & M.	10	35
China Prov. L. & M.	100	48.80, sellers 107, buyers
Cigar Companies— Auburn, Ltd. Philippines Co., Ltd. Cotton Mills	10	30, buyers
Two	50	11.33, sellers
International	75	11.45, 170.
Laou Kung Mow	100	11.45, 170.
Soyches	50	11.45, sellers
Hongkong	50	11.45, 170.
Dairy Farm	50	11.45, 170.
Penwick & Co., Geo.	22	11.45, 170.
Green Island Cement	10	11.45, 170.
Taikong & Co., Ltd.	10	11.45, 170.
Hongkong Electric	10	11.45, 170.
H. H. L. Tramways	100	11.45, 170.
Stone Water	10	11.45, sellers
London Co., Ltd.	10	11.45, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	50	11.45, sellers
Laou Kung & Co.	50	11.45, sellers
Taikong Hope	50	11.45, sellers
Wingchow	50	11.45, sellers
Insurance	100	11.45, 170.
Land and Building	100	11.45, 170.
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	11.45, sellers
Humphrey, E.	100	11.45, buyers
Kowloon Land & West Point Building	100	11.45, sellers
Shanghai Land	100	11.45, buyers
Luzon Sugar	100	11.45, sellers
Mining	250	11.45, sellers
Charbonnages	100	11.45, sellers
Punjons	100	11.45, sellers
Do. Preference	50	11.45, 170.
Raubs	100	11.45, sellers
New Amoy Dock	100	11.45, sellers
Powell, Ltd.	100	11.45, sellers
Steamship Cos.— China and Manila	100	11.45, sellers
Douglas Steamship	100	11.45, sellers
H. Canton and M.	100	11.45, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	100	11.45, sellers
Suei Transport and Trading Co.— Do. Preference	100	11.45, sellers
Star Ferry	100	11.45, nominal
S.C.E. Boyd & Co., Ltd. S. & H. Dyeing & Co., Ltd.	100	11.45, 170.
Tearu Planting Co.	100	11.45, sellers
United Asbestos	100	11.45, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	100	11.45, sellers
Watson & Co., A.S.	100	11.45, sellers
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PLAN OF FOREIGN CONCESSION, SHANGHAI		
PLAN OF HONGKONG (SHANGHAI) with Insert Showing the EXTENDED SETTLEMENT		
LARGE PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA		
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Great Britain—Nanking, 1842; Tientsin, 1858; Convention, 1860; Rules for Joint Investigation of		